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1. Approximately one division of Chinese Communist troops designated "88570" (sic) unit left Kaechon (125-58, 39-40) on 14 December, equipped with 13 tanks and 18 armored cars. The division was to arrive at the front line along the 38th Parallel via Ichon (126-53, 38-29) by 30 December. On 17 December, the men were concealed in houses, at Changim-ni (126-22, 39-18) northeast of Songchon (126-12, 39-16).
2. During the 5 dark nights 14-19 December, 2,000 citizens of Songchon were mobilized to carry a large (undetermined) quantity of ammunition, weapons, and food supplies from Songchon to the ridges and valleys of the mountainous area 6 kilometers west of the town. The supplies were placed from along the river bank up the sides of the valley, in piles 2 meters wide, 2 meters high, and extending 2 kilometers in length, covered with white cloth to prevent detection from the air. This area was prohibited to local citizens.
3. Five thousand Chinese Communist troops arrived at Songchon on 18 December from Sunchon (125-56, 39-25) and departed the same day in the direction of Kangdong (126-06, 39-08). They were equipped with 23 80-mm. mortars, 10 120-mm. mortars, 8 artillery pieces (undetermined type), 30 vehicles, and approximately 40 oxcarts.
4. On the evening of 19 December, a large (undetermined) quantity of gasoline and oil drums were stored in 10 houses 300 meters to the rear of the Songchon railroad station.
5. On 20 December, approximately 60,000 Chinese Communist troops were concentrating in the mountainous areas near Taedong-ni (unlocated, possibly 126-36, 39-06) in groups of 1,500, utilizing dark nights. Half of these troops were without arms. Their officers expected that all troops would be completely equipped by the end of December.

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